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BROKERAGE METHOD AND COMPUTER PROGRAM

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	AA	2002/99769	07/25/2002	Yasui et al.			
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**FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS**

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	AG	2002-216021	08/02/2002	Japan			Yes
	AH	2002-259253	09/13/2002	Japan	Partial		Yes
	AI	2002-304408	10/18/2002	Japan			Yes
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References AG – AI are cited on the attached international search report.

Reference AG corresponds to Reference AA.

References AG and AJ are discussed on page 1 of the specification.